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Applicant: Ryuichi ISHII et al.

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HEAT-RESISTING STEEL, AND COMPONENTS MADE OF HEAT-
RESISTING STEEL

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated September 7, 2001 and further to the Amendment and Request for Reconsideration filed December 7, 2001 concerning the above-referenced patent application.

REMARKS

It has come to the undersigned's attention that the Rule 132 Declaration referred to in the December 7 Amendment was inadvertently not enclosed. Accordingly, the Rule 132 Declaration is enclosed herewith. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the December 7 Amendment is also enclosed. Any inconvenience this omission may have caused is regretted.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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